



Census Enumerators Busy In County

15 SQUAD LEADERS TRAINING HERE

For several weeks past a crew of men have been busy here training for the work of census enumerators. These men are under instruction by L. M. Lyte of Lansing and as they become proficient they are started on the work in Crawford county. Following this training and practical experience they will serve as squad leaders in the work of taking the census in other Michigan counties.

The object of the census, according to Mr. Lyte, is to learn the state of unemployment in Michigan. The idea for this work originated by State Welfare Director Haber in Lansing. At present Michigan is the only state undergoing this enumeration work, and if found successful and will be continued to the other states of the union.

Mr. Lyte says that the census in Crawford county and four other northern Michigan counties will be systematic and complete. The remaining counties of Michigan, however, he says, will be surveyed in "spots", taking cross sections, from which information the remainder of the county areas will be estimated as to the unemployment conditions. This, he says, is done to reduce costs and will fulfill the purpose for which the census is taken.

Assisting Mr. Lyte are Willis Yanz, Lansing, and Clarence Berwalds of Grand Rapids. His clerical force consists of Misses Maxine Mielstrup, Matilda Engel, and Ann Hanson. This office is under direction of W. L. Duerr of Lansing.

Among those engaging in the census gathering from Crawford county are Earl Hewitt whose territory will be the northern part of Crawford and the southern part of Otsego counties. Earl Wood will work in the southern part of the county and northern part of Roscommon county.

The information received by the enumerators is held in strict confidence and after compilation is forwarded to Washington. It is estimated that it will take from four to five weeks to complete the enumeration.

PREPARING FOR WARMER WEATHER

Hans Niederer, brother of Emil Niederer, our local ice dealer, came down Friday from Gaylord, to help with the ice cutting.

Emil began work Saturday under almost perfect conditions, with 14 inches of clear ice on School Section Lake. He has employed 15 men and expects to finish the job in approximately twelve days. At the end of this time he will have filled the new ice-house, built last fall, and will be ready to service the community for another season.

Lands of new comics appear in the two comic sections in Sunday's Detroit News. Be sure to see them.

GRAYLINGITES HOBO NOB WITH ROYALTY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Wolf of New York had the pleasure of attending the reception recently given for the Prince and Princess Torlonia upon their arrival in this country.

The Prince and Princess are true royalty of the highest rank. The Princess is the former Infanta Beatriz of Spain, daughter of the former Queen Victoria, of Spain, and the Prince, altho his mother is American, the former Elsie Moore, of the rich and famous Moore family of New York and Greenwich, is an honest-to-goodness Prince. His father is an Italian Prince of the best family.

The Royal couple are visiting the United States on their honeymoon, and the bride appeared well pleased with her first impression of America. Altho she has never been on American soil before, the Princess speaks excellent English, and will experience no trouble whatsoever on that score.

Start Work On New Bridge

Work was begun Monday on the new Lake-Road bridge project on M-93. The old, narrow, bridge is to be torn out, and a new, two-way-traffic structure substituted.

Mr. Joseph Leach, Jr., of Saginaw, the contractor in charge, arrived here last week to put things in order, and work was begun on the temporary detour bridge the first thing this week. Some of the machinery necessary is already on the ground, more is coming later. His contract calls for the erection of a concrete two-way-traffic bridge on the site of the present crossing, and the widening of the road for some two hundred feet each way, at a total cost of eighteen thousand dollars.

Mr. Leach will employ approximately thirty men, all local labor obtained through the Traverse City office of the Unemployment bureau. The work will be given out in three-day periods, thus putting more men on the payroll. A ten-hour day will be the rule, with a wage scale ranging from fifty cents to a dollar and a quarter an hour. The job should be completed by the first of June, but not much before, thus giving work to quite a few and helping to tide over until spring.

Mr. Maynard Bailey is the engineer in charge.

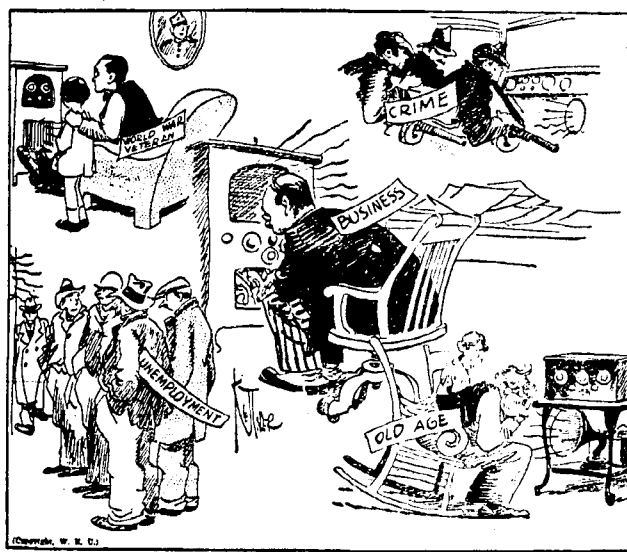
WAKELEY FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Miss Harriet Wakeley were held Friday afternoon at the Michelson Memorial Church, Rev. Zoller officiating. Six young friends, Norman Stephan, LeRoy Babbitt, Stephan Jorgenson, Sanford Palmer, Kenneth Hoelsi, and Herbert Feldhauser, acted as pallbearers.

Nine close friends, members of the 4-H Club, were honorary pallbearers. They were: Margaret Fuldhauser, Virginia Marian, and Evelyn Skingley, Hilda Hoyt, Zora Stephan, Ruth Fuldhauser, Yvonne Stephan, and Beatrice Houg.

Miss Wakeley had a host of friends who will miss her sadly.

Tuned in on the 74th Congress



CLUB MEETING

"Our Gang" met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Palmer, Mrs. Laura Parker acting as hostess. Keno prizes were won by: Mrs. Barton Wakeley, (who got two out of the five) Mrs. John Stephan, and Mrs. Laura Parker. The penny prize went to Mrs. LaBean.

A fine lunch was enjoyed by a score of ladies at the close of the afternoon.

The next meeting is slated for the fourteenth, again at Mrs. Palmers and Mrs. Euphemia Corwin will act as hostess. The affair will be in the nature of a Valentine party, with prizes offered for the most artistic and for the most humorous valentines displayed. This will also be the occasion for a birthday cake in honor of two members whose anniversaries come during the past month.

Napoleon's letters to Marie Louise published for the first time! See The Detroit News starting Wednesday, February 13

With The Sick

Mrs. C. V. Saunders, who has been in Mercy Hospital with a splintered elbow, the result of a fall, has returned to her home at Mrs. George Miller's and is reported much improved.

Mr. B. A. Cooley, altho he seems to be holding his own, is not improving very rapidly from the illness that has incapacitated him for some months now.

Edna Johnson was released from Mercy Hospital last Friday and is making her home temporarily with Mrs. Frank Cochran. The young lady has been quite seriously ill for five weeks but is now well on the way to recovery. This is a hard time of the year for the flu. There are many cases at the present time and have been for the last month or two. It's well for us all to be careful for a while, and avoid, if possible, a siege of serious illness.

Joseph Kessler is still in Mercy Hospital, recovering very slowly from injuries received two weeks ago while employed at Shoppenagons Inn.

Cowell Institute Invents Flexible Molds.

NOT EFFECTED BY HOT WATER OR METAL

On former occasions we have commented upon some of the work being done by the Cowell Institute, of which John Cowell is the manager. Now they come out with a material for making flexible molds.

Mr. Cowell has been working on the formula for several years and it was only by painstaking and persisting effort that this new formula has been accomplished. Naturally the Institute and Mr. Cowell are elated over this new wonder flexible mold material. Of course the formula is a trade secret. The material is much like rubber. It is tough and forms perfectly to the models for the molds.

Mr. Cowell says that his first efforts were with a glue composition but this did not prove satisfactory. Rubber compositions were tried in many formulas but they too proved but ordinary. "We wanted something better and kept on trying. Today we have a composition that is superior to anything ever attempted along this line. It is made by a cold process and its results are wonderful."

Molds are made by covering the original pattern with a light coating of the mold material, which process is repeated at intervals as each covering becomes set. For

the outside covering a heavier composition is applied. After proper curing of the mold it is ready for use and may be used over and over again almost indefinitely.

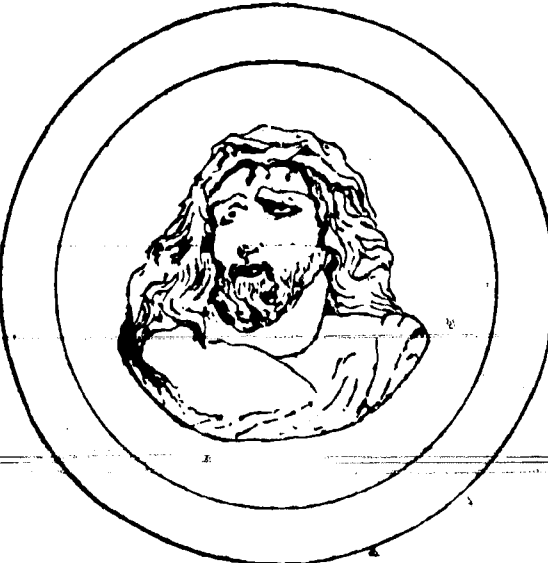
The material to be molded is poured into the mold and as soon as a set may be slipped out and comes forth with a clean, well-finished surface.

These molds will withstand boiling water and even molten lead. The molds are so flexible that they may be stretched twice their normal length and will spring back to their original lengths. All kinds of the finest markings and undercuts come out of the molds in perfect form.

A few specimens of the molds, and casts are now on display in the Avalanche office where they may be seen by those wishing to do so. A number of plaques made from these molds are also on display at the 5c to \$1 store.

A flat drawing of one plaque showing the head of Christ, drawn by Benny Jorgenson, is shown here. This, however does not show the plaque in relief.

"Since perfecting this synthetic rubber composition we have made molds for customers from all parts of the United States and we have had many fine compliments," said Mr. Cowell. "And this business is expanding steadily every month."



Village Pres. Explains Incorporation Matter

Grayling, Michigan February 5, 1935

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Editor, The Crawford Avalanche.

Dear Mr. Schumann, I hope you will extend to me the courtesy of your columns to explain one or two points which have arisen concerning the proposed incorporation of Grayling as a fifth class city.

I have heard of some conversations in which people have expressed themselves as being against the proposition because they feared it would require that the city be broken up into wards, with an alderman, supervisor, constable, etc., in each ward, and that the tax rate would consequently be raised.

Concerning the first of these, it is apparent that there is not a clear understanding of the difference between fourth and fifth class cities. Fourth class cities of which Grayling is an example, require this division into wards, but fifth class cities do not. A fifth class city may have only one ward, one supervisor, and its council is not restricted as to maximum or minimum size. Most cities of the same size as Grayling have chosen to have a five man council, including the mayor. This is two less than the membership of our present council. It might be of interest to your readers to know that as a Village, Grayling is required by law to have thirteen persons in the administrative service; whereas, as a city, this number may be reduced to eight, altho it would probably be wiser not to have fewer than ten. This matter, of course, is strictly up to the charter commissioners, who are elected by the people and whose charter must be approved by the people before it can go into operation. Let me state again, then, that if Grayling elects to become a city the number of persons in the village service may be materially reduced.

I presume the fear of an increase in taxes is in consequence of the matters which I have discussed in the foregoing paragraph, and is therefore partly answered. Let me state in addition, however, several reasons why I believe an increased tax rate is impossible:

1. Cities do not pay township taxes. Villages do. Elimination of township taxes would have saved Grayling taxpayers \$12,000.00 during the past five years.

2. Under state law Villages are empowered to assess \$5.00 per thousand of valuation more than cities may assess.

3. Municipal offices may be reduced and consolidated under fifth class city government, thereby reducing the total payrolls.

4. Of the twenty-four Villages which have become fifth class cities in the past four years, practically all report lower tax rates. In some instances these reductions have amounted to as much as forty per cent. Anyone doubting this statement should write to these cities and get first hand information. I understand that you will publish in your issue of February 14th a list of these cities, and I hope that the people of Grayling will write to them and secure the facts for themselves.

In conclusion I want to make the statement that if incorporation would mean an increase in taxes I would be the first to oppose it. The two principal reasons which have led me to sponsor the movement are that it means better municipal government, and at a reduced cost.

Thanking you for this opportunity for explanation, I am

Yours Very Truly,
C. G. Clippert,
Village President

Caucus

CITIZENS PARTY

The qualified voters of the Village of Grayling will meet in Caucus at the Court House in said village on

Monday, February 18, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Village offices, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

Following is list of candidates to be nominated: For Village President; Village Clerk; Village Treasurer; 3 Trustees for 2 years; 1 Assessor.

The Village Election will be held on Monday, March 11, 1935.

By order, the Village committee.

O. P. Schumann,
C. R. Keyport,
T. P. Peterson.

Dated February 5, 1935. 2-7-2

Legion Jottings

Owing to the fact there are so many people in Grayling and the outside world that inquiring to find out what the Legion activities are, we are taking the opportunity to present a series of news items through our local paper each week.

We have several things we believe will interest our community as well as the people from the surrounding territory.

Our Post has formed a wide-awake Drum and Bugle Corps of 25 pieces and have with us two well known citizens of Grayling who are capable as any in the state for drum corps instruction.

Two much credit cannot be given Julius Paul and Harold (Spike) McNeven in their efforts to make our corps one of the best if not the best in the state. We are drilling three nights a week and although some blow a few sour notes and drum the same way, marked improvement can be seen.

Following are the officers: Alfred Hanson, president; Clarence B. Johnson, vice pres.; C. M. Church, sec'y-treas.; Alvin N. LaChapelle, quartermaster. Executive Board: A. Hanson, C. B. Johnson, C. M. Church, E. J. Hewitt and Oral Levan.

The Drum and Bugle Corps plan on giving many parties in the future to raise money to pay for their instruments. Another of the gala nights at "Spikes" and judging from the attendance and praise we received on the last coming party should be a success in every way.

Following the party at Spikes' there will be in the early part of March a masquerade ball at the High School gym, and what a party we are planning. No one will think of staying away.

The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps are proposing a great big Home Coming if Grayling has a Home Coming it will be its first one. And what a time will be had by all and what a shaking of hands. Let everyone get behind this move and help to make it a success.

Oh, Budd! Have you signed up yet to get into the Legion? No, if not why not? You owe it to yourselves and also your comrades.

Comrades Alfred Hanson and Sam Rasmussen celebrated their birthdays Friday night by inviting the American Legion and Auxiliary and their friends to a party in the hall. About 75 persons were there and ask them if they did not have a wonderful time. Thanks to the two comrades.

Jasmine Tea

Chinese jasmine tea is the mixture of tea and jasmine flowers. Two species of jasmine are used in China—ten pounds of Jasminum paniculatum to 30 pounds of J. sambac. This mixture of 40 pounds is used to scent 100 pounds of tea.

Acid Stimulates Old Oil Wells

Pouring volumes of acid into the depths of the earth to revive old oil wells in limestone regions and increase the flow of low producing wells, is a practice that has become important.

G. H. S. To Play Gaylord Tues.

Next Tuesday night Gaylord will be here, and the High School basketball teams tangle in the first regularly scheduled game to be played on the local court since the season of 1932-33. Last year the teams met in the tournament semi-finals for their only game, with Gaylord winning. This year a game has already been played, with Grayling taking a 23-13 decision at Gaylord.

These annual Grayling-Gaylord battles are worth seeing, for natural rivalry and keen competition go into them and close, interesting games result. Grayling's ten-point victory at Gaylord was a keenly contested affair, with Grayling leading clear through. Now Gaylord returns with plans for big revenge, and it ought to be worth seeing. The prelim brings the Reserve teams together in what should be a close fought ball game. The Grayling Reserves won a 13-16 victory when they played at Gaylord.

The relations of the two teams at Gaylord are very decent. Re-established athletic relations mean that both high schools hope to maintain a friendly basis for competition, and community support in this direction is essential. Intense rivalry with good sportsmanship can be achieved.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER

The United States Civil Service Commission, at the request of the Postmaster General, announces a competitive examination for Postmaster in this city.

Receipt of applications to close Feb. 26, 1935.

This examination is held under the President's Order of July 12, 1933, and not under the civil service act and rules.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience, and fitness.

Apply to the secretary of the board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for application Form 10, and Form 2213 containing definite information in regard to the examination. Applications must be properly executed on Form 10 and filed with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., prior to the hour of closing business on the date specified above.

WARNING.—All persons are warned against offering, promising, paying, soliciting, or receiving any money or other valuable thing as a political contribution or otherwise for use of influence, support, or promise of support in obtaining appointment. Any such is a violation of law, and offenders will be prosecuted.

United States Civil Service Commission.

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Grayling Michigan

Competitive Examination

A competitive examination will be held on February 12th at 9:00 a. m. E. S. T. at Roscommon in the High School for the purpose of selecting fire wardens and towermen to be assigned to positions in District No. 11 comprising the counties of Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee and Kalkaska.

Signed....Dept. of Conservation

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THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1935

Costs Less To Operate City

(By Clarence V. Smazel, Consultant in Governmental Organization, Lansing.)

Perhaps even more important than eliminating township taxes is the fact that any village incorporating as a city today can provide itself with a completely modern municipal government, replacing operation under the General Village Law, which is approximately sixty years old.

Under the City Home Rule Act, citizens elect a charter commission for the purpose of drafting the basic law of the city, known as a charter, under which the city operates. After the charter commission has agreed upon a charter the electors must approve it by a majority vote before it goes into operation. Not all details of a whole city charter will meet the approval of all citizens; the last action any city can take is to elect a charter commission of the best men and women of the community, and approve the charter they recommend after thorough consideration.

Most new city charters recently adopted in Michigan provide considerably different types of governmental organization than that provided by the Michigan Village Law. Sometimes the council is just like a village council, with six councilmen and a mayor. Sometimes there are only four councilmen; and sometimes five councilmen are elected and choose their own chairman, who is mayor.

The administrative division of the city government is usually materially changed. Most new charters provide for managers who have complete charge of running the city under the council; or, in smaller cities, for city superintendents who have charge of all the work outside the office, and for a single finance officer who handles all the work now usually handled by the clerk and treasurer, and in addition, the clerical work in the assessor's office. Better and less costly results always follow these changes making one person responsible where several divided the responsibility before. Besides that, the positions thus established become sufficiently important to warrant a man making a business of it, and thus he becomes much more efficient in his work.

Other changes include holding municipal elections every second year instead of every year, usually in connection with state and county elections in spring or fall. This reduces costs and saves citizens the trouble of attending unnecessarily frequent elections. A superior system of budgeting and financial control is set up; so that there is a close check on all spending, and so that officials and citizens may always know where their money is being spent. The adoption, amendment and repeal of ordinances is systematized to reduce costs; and many other technical improvements in the municipal government are made. Citizens should plan to attend meetings of the charter commission, to participate in the discussion of these changes, so that they will know how to vote on the charter.

THOSE who view Russia's growing military strength with alarm were not comforted by a statement made by the vice commissar for defense before the seventh All-Union congress of Soviets in Moscow that the Red army has grown from 600,000 to 940,000 men in four years.

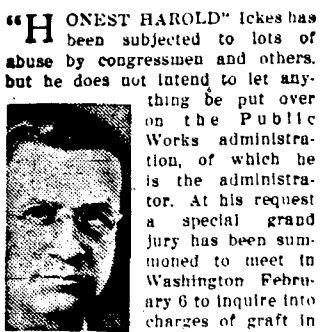
Fortifications along the eastern and western frontiers have been strengthened, and all branches of the military service, particularly aviation, have been increased, the vice commissar stated, and more will be spent for defense in 1935 than was spent last year. The delegates, who were meeting to review Bolshevik progress since 1931, greeted the vice commissar's speech with roars of applause.

Impressive increases in armament were cited by the speaker who said that light tanks have been increased 700 per cent, tanks of the middle classification 700 per cent, submachine guns 400 per cent, light torpedo craft 370 per cent, and machine guns in the army 700 per cent. Heavy artillery and ammunition has also been greatly improved in quantity and quality, he declared.

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Grand Jury Asked by Ickes to Investigate PWA Graft Charges—Future of NRA Hangs Upon Outcome of Suit Against Little Sawmill Operator.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD
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Sec'y Ickes

"HONEST HAROLD" Ickes has been subjected to lots of abuse by congressmen and others, but he does not intend to let anything be put over on the Public Works Administration, of which he is the administrator. At his request a special grand jury has been summoned to meet in Washington February 6 to inquire into charges of graft in the PWA. Assistant United States Attorney John W. Fithely has the matter in hand for the government and will present first testimony concerning the \$4,000,000 canal project in Texas. It was asserted that the contract for this project was withdrawn after Mr. Ickes' investigators had uncovered evidence that there was a huge conspiracy to defraud the United States. Eight or ten persons, including federal officials, are said to be involved. Mr. Ickes himself said:

"The Public Works Administration investigation division has made a long and careful study of the Texas project upon the direction of the administrator (Ickes) and presented to the proper prosecuting officials of the government a full report for such action as they deem proper to take."

This Texas case may consume several weeks, and afterward the grand jury is expected to investigate some other projects and also charges of fraud in the War department.

ALMOST unnoticed among the spectacular issues of the day, yet of momentous importance, the case of the United States against Belcher will be set for hearing by the Supreme court within a few days. This case opens up discussion of the constitutionality of the heart of the entire NRA experiment—the power of the federal government to regulate wages and working hours through the codes. Upon this refusal of a small Alabama sawmill operator to comply with the code hangs the entire fate of the NRA, for if the government loses there will be nothing left of the NRA except an empty statement of desirable business ethics. If the government cannot control wages and hours in the production of goods intended for interstate commerce, there is a strong likelihood that the course of legislation to extend the NRA beyond June 16 will be strongly affected. Other cases now pending before the court touch upon certain portions of the vital question, but this case goes straight to the basic power of the recovery act. It affords a clear-cut determination of the fundamental issues, because there is no dispute as to facts, no technicalities of law upon which the issue can be avoided. The case comes almost as an original case since the attorney general took advantage of legal machinery permitting an appeal directly to the Supreme court from the decision of a federal district court without recourse to a Court of Appeals.

The defendant openly violated the lumber code. Instead of adhering to code provisions requiring payment of 24 cents per hour for a 40-hour maximum week, he admitted paying his men 10 to 15 cents per hour and that he worked them as many hours as he saw fit.

What the government's line of defense will be is not known. The case involves all the constitutional objections which might be raised against the recovery act. Decisions of the court in the recent oil cases did not touch upon the constitutionality of the main body of the act, but involved only a special section.

WHEN the senate passes the \$4,000,000,000 work relief measure, as it certainly will after all the orators get through, there need be no fussing as to who is to administer the huge fund. President Roosevelt himself, according to an authority high in administration circles, will undertake that job and will allocate the money to the various agencies as he sees fit. There will be no now set-up for this purpose, unless it may be a small group of advisers selected by Mr. Roosevelt. These may be members of the cabinet or technical experts—more likely the latter. This information was given the senate finance committee as it began consideration of the bill, and was designed to quiet some of the opposition—and also curb the ambition of certain gentlemen who had hoped to handle the \$4,000,000,000. It did not, however, silence these senators of both parties who still contend that too much power is given the President when he is

handed such a vast sum to dispose of as he pleases.

A strong possibility is seen that the bill may be split into two separate parts, so that the \$800 million dollars needed for relief purposes may be passed without delay, and the senate can then take its time in considering the extraordinary measure which gives the President such unprecedented powers in spending the four billion dollars.

One development which was of interest to many was that the measure was prepared under the supervision of Mr. Bell, the budget director, thus making him a candidate for the "physical hanging" advocated by Senator James Couzens of Michigan.

FEARING the anger of their aroused constituents more than the administration's whip, the senate kicked over the traces to defeat ratification of the World court protocols. The final count was seven votes short of the necessary two-thirds.

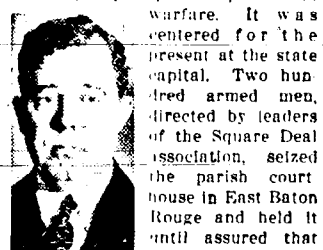
Frantic efforts to force the measure through were made by the administration. Several revolting senators were called to the White House, and the President even agreed to amendments to the resolution, but was unable to overcome the effects of thousands of protesting telegrams which had been pouring into Washington from citizens all over the country.

In private, many Democratic senators who face re-election in 1936 heaved sighs of relief as the measure was defeated. Administration forces accepted the verdict, apparently without rancor, although the long memory of the man in the White House is well known. Seemingly the issue is dead, for the present at least.

Senator William Borah, who with Senator Hiram Johnson, led the attack on ratification, was jubilant over the outcome, declaring that it was a great victory for the American people and for this country's traditional policy of keeping aloof from foreign entanglements.

Observers at the capital refused to view the World court vote as any indication of a spreading revolt against Roosevelt's policies, since the court controversy cut deeper than party lines. Several senators who opposed the tribunal will undoubtedly support the administration on other measures, although victory of the small band of irreconcilables who led the fight has undoubtedly added to their prestige.

THAT serio-comic "civil war" in Huey Long's domain is becoming more serious than comical and almost any day may develop into real warfare. It was centered for the present at the state capital. Two hundred armed men, directed by leaders of the Square Deal association, seized the parish court house in East Baton Rouge and held it until assured that one of their friends who had been arrested was released. They then dispersed with a warning from one John Appel to "be sure you have enough ammunition and be ready for the call at any time."



Huey Long

The Kingfish was in New Orleans at the time, but he hastened to Baton Rouge while Governor Allen called out some troops and proclaimed partial martial law in the capital. Huey immediately ordered the recently appointed Judge J. D. Womack to start an investigation of what he described as a plot to murder him, in which "four sheriffs and a district attorney" were involved. The senator declared:

"We picked up two men, one of them was going to drive the murder car. It was all fixed up. He was going to block my car on the highway between here and New Orleans, make it stop and force me in the ditch, and then 14 or 16 were going to come along in another car and kill me."

"We found all the stuff in the fellow's car. There was sheriff's equipment, and everything."

Long blamed the Standard Oil company for the armed assembly of his enemies in Baton Rouge and said, "that unless the company stopped the 'violence' his compromise with it over the 5-cent oil refinery tax would be called off."

Despite this warning another armed group of Square Dealers gathered at the Baton Rouge air field; but someone betrayed them and a detachment of the National Guard advanced on them in battle array. The sight of machine guns was enough for the citizenry; they surrendered, were disarmed, placed under technical arrest and permitted to go home.

Basket Ball Tournament Feb. 28, Mar. 1-2

Grayling will be host to high school teams at the annual district tournament to be held in the local High School on February 28 and March 1 and 2.

This tournament, District No. 40, has been sent to Grayling each season for a number of years. It forms one of the big sporting events of the season, as well as making Grayling the center of a large section of basket fans. The cooperation of many towns is necessary to make the tournament a success, and Grayling High School's athletic association doesn't stand to gain a great deal financially. It does, however, bring a lot of people into Grayling, as well as giving The Capital City of Winter Sports a very definite basketball pre-eminence for a three-day space.

Word from C. E. Forsyth, State Director of High School Athletics, has been received listing entries for this year's tournament competition. Class C will find Grayling, Gaylord, Mancelona and West Branch involved in what should be keen competition.

The Class D entries are not definitely decided. Roscommon, Mio, St. Mary's of Gaylord, St. Joe of West Branch, Johannesburg and Frederic were all entries last year, though Mio was a Class C school then. In addition Wolverine has signified an intention of entering and Buckley, from way over west of Manton, has been assigned to this district. The Buckley school officials have filed a protest against being sent such a distance that their fans cannot follow the team. They would be closer to two other tournaments than this one.

Lake City, McBain and Houghton Lake were not assigned to Grayling. Lake City, with a new gym, has secured a tournament of their own and these three teams are to compete there. Houghton Lake has also filed a protest, indicating their desire to return to Grayling and defend their title won here last year. What will happen is of course out of the control of the local authorities, though their recommendation has been sent in, and it is hoped that Houghton Lake can be shifted to Grayling.

RANDOM THOTS

Strange as it may seem, a few were heard to crab over having to pay 25c to get into the winter sports park during the carnival. That price paid for everything inside the park including some fine exhibitions of skating, ski jumping, bob-sled rides, and hockey games, the privilege of using the rinks, good entertainment, and having safe car parking. A \$1.00 charge wouldn't have been too much.

One citizen was heard to remark, "Any fellow who can't handle his cups had better lay off of them."

If you find yourself with an extra supply of small change, in your pockets, it might be well to attribute it to the absence of the slot machines here. Slot machines are one of the greatest grafts in the country. The player didn't have a chance. Thanks, Governor, for ordering them out.

One of our citizens was heard to remark that Michigan is "getting so wet that it will soon be voted dry."

NO DISTURBANCE was created in the senate when the bill to increase the government's borrowing powers by \$11,000,000,000 was passed, except for the attempt of Senator Elmer Thomas avowed advocate of inflation, to hold up action.

Senator Thomas based his argument on the possibility of the Supreme court holding gold clause contracts valid and that changes would be needed in this event. Senator Burton K. Wheeler also sought to amend the bill to authorize issuance of greenbacks instead of bonds, but did not press the change to a vote.

The bill as passed revises the bond authorization curried by the second liberty loan act, which has been virtually exhausted. It also provides for issuance of baby bonds in denominations as low as \$25. Details have not been worked out, but the interest on the first issue will be at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent and the bonds will run from 10 to 20 years.

RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD, former ambassador to Italy, attorney, and author, died of pneumonia at his home in New York. He left a post as editor of Collier's Weekly in 1921 to take that of ambassador to Italy, where he gained prominence as the chief representative of the United States at the Geneva and Lausanne conferences in 1922.

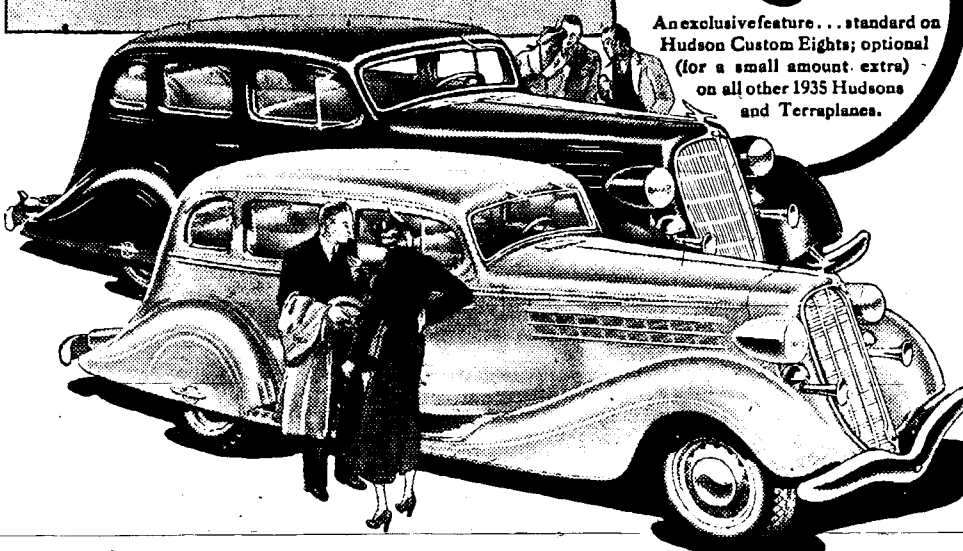
He was the author of several works and collaborated with Premier Benito Mussolini on the Italian leader's autobiography in 1927.

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TUNE IN ON HUDSON "NEW STAR REVUE" featuring Kate Smith—Every Monday evening at 8:30 E.S.T., 7:30 C.S.T., 9:30 M.S.T., 8:30 P.S.T.—Columbia Broadcasting System

CORWIN AUTO SALES

Grayling, Mich.

Camp News

Camp Higgins

This company has been assigned another lieutenant, Mark Shovar of the infantry reserves. Until recently Lt. Shovar was at the Hartwick Pines camp, when he was sent to Fort Sheridan to attend a school held for officers on CCC duty.

"Salt of the Earth" is the title of Capt. E. W. Todd's sermon for camps of the 4th forestry district this week.

Because of a reduction in company strength it is now possible to get all the men into the usual barracks space and the recreation room is again available as such. When a large number of rookies came in it was necessary to convert the recreation room into sleeping quarters.

Hally Ostrander has been named pump house operator. He was leader of the wood detail, and Harold Andrews is now acting leader of this group.

A third section of first aid will start Thursday evening of this week. Nearly 6 men are signed up for first aid instruction at the present time. Lieut. Igloe supervises the instruction in all first aid classes at Camp Higgins Lake.

A class in shorthand with a good enrollment started Monday night. The educational adviser, L. B. Merritt is teacher.

Arnold Dedoes, district utilities inspector, has taken a discharge to work for the Ford Motor company at Detroit.

Camp Pioneer

Four discharges were given last week. Arnold Spencer secured work in Flint, Floyd Shaffer at Albion, and John Stralnic at Milan. Walter Stevens received an administrative discharge.

Seven state foremen meet Wednesday afternoons for one hour in a first aid class instructed

by Dr. G. M. Katzman.

Camp Pioneer is to have a new commanding officer, Capt. Raymond S. Knapp of the field artillery reserves taking over the company from Lieut. J. S. Tennery, February 2nd. Lieut. Tennery with his wife and baby has been on a vacation at Galesburg, Illinois.

Water pipe to the first aid building and kitchen has been weather-proofed against freezing by being wrapped with burlap and enclosed in an 8 inch by 8 inch boxing filled with sawdust. Recent cold weather proved that the work was effective.

A new section of shorthand for beginners will start this week, instructed by L. B. Merritt, the educational adviser.

Five hundred coat hangers were passed out among the men of the company one night last week. Each man is supposed to have five such hangers and no excuse now for clothes not being neatly placed on them.

Work crews were sent out last Saturday because time was lost earlier in the week during bad weather.

LOVELLS

Bun Sacket and son of Grand Lodge spent the week end at the Sacket Lodge on Lake Shoopack.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pochelon and son Julius of Detroit, enjoyed the week end at the Pochelon cabin.

The Lovells folks are busy putting up ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langstrom of Detroit spent a few days at their cabin.

The Cheerful Givers met at the home of Mrs. George Litton last Thursday. The time was spent in piecing quilts. The ladies celebrated Mrs. Lola Papenfus' birthday. Mrs. Alfred Nephew made the birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith of Bay City are spending some time at their camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraizer and son and Harry Morris of Detroit enjoyed a few days at the Pine

Club.

Dan McCormick passed away at Mercy Hospital last Monday night. He had been a resident of Lovells about thirty years. He left five children to mourn his loss, Mike McCormick of Lovells; Mrs. Joseph Kennedy of Lewiston; Mrs. Ira Johnson, and Mrs. Fred Lee of Detroit, and Judson, who is out west. He had eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jack Cail is visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. Fred Rowe is ill at this writing.

"Lead" in Pencils

The lead in use in pencils is made of graphite mixed with clay. The graphite is reduced to powder by grinding. Water is then added and the substance is run through mixers, the proper amount of finely powdered clay being thoroughly blended into it. A little lampblack is sometimes added to increase the blackness. After thorough mixing the mass is pressed and then passed through dies.

Want Ads

FOUND—Several keys on a chain. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for ad.

WILL TRADE—A 3/4 ton truck for a light coupe. What have you? Earl Wood, Grayling. Phone 75-F5.

WANTED—Man with car. Route experience preferred but not necessary. Rawleigh, Dept. MCB-174-M, Freepost, Ill. 2-7-4

LOST—2 male hounds; one about 22 inches, black with speckle feet and chest. Name Skipper. One about 19 inches, black back, white feet and chest, brown ears. Name Socks. Last seen near Lous Camp. \$10.00 reward. See game warden or sheriff for photograph. Notify W. H. Mitchell Grand Lodge, Mich.

STRAYED—A hound. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Inquire at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Davenport and chair and Airway vacuum sweeper. Inquire of Mrs. Frank Lewis.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. F. Brink is ill at her home on the South Side.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McPeak expect to be in their home on Maple street soon.

Mrs. A. W. Canfield of Bay City is visiting at the home of son Dr. C. A. Canfield, and her sister Mrs. C. T. Jerome.

The B. G. T. club met last Tuesday at the home of Miss Camilla Fischer. They enjoyed the usual program of work, cards and refreshments.

Herman Schreiber of Sigsbee has been attending high school here but because of ill health his physician ordered him to go home for a month to recuperate.

H. A. Pond, Alfred Olson and J. C. Foreman returned Sunday from Detroit where they attended the auto show. While there Mr. Foreman purchased a five passenger Cutting car made in Jackson.

Game Warden Babbitt left Wednesday morning for Bois Blanc Island at the request of State Game Warden Oats, to detect violators of the game law. It is reported that a number of deer are being killed there. We will wager that somebody will get arrested soon after Mr. Babbitt's arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hanson have been several days in Detroit. Mr. Hanson returned Sunday. They attended the auto show and other attractions and Mr. Hanson had the pleasure of seeing "Ty" Cobb initiated into the thirty-second degree of masonry. There were about 1,500 Shriners present at this initiation. Mrs. Hanson returned yesterday.

Mr. Earl A. Penn and Miss Flora M. Leonard were married last Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leonard. Justice Wm. McCullough performed the marriage ceremony.

Emerson Bates is a lucky boy to get one of the capital prizes offered by the publishers of the Saturday Evening Post for December.

Lovells Locals (23 Years Ago)

Victor LaLonde went to Roscommon on Monday, having received word of the serious condition of his brother at that place.

Mrs. Alfred Nephew went to Grayling Friday to spend the day with George Brown who is one of the hospital patients there.

Mrs. T. E. Douglas and children were in Grayling last week, where her daughter Margaret is receiving treatment from Dr. Insley.

Village Council Proceedings

RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1935, Grayling, Mich.

The Common Council of the Village of Grayling convened in regular session in the court house at the Village of Grayling on the 7th day of January, 1935, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by President Clippert. The Clerk called the roll. Those present and those absent were as follows:

Present: A. L. Roberts, M. F. Nellist, N. O. Corwin, R. O. Milnes, J. E. Schoonover, A. S. Burrows. Absent: None.

The President called for the submission of all bids for waterworks bonds. The Clerk reported that no bids had been received.

The following resolution was introduced by M. F. Nellist, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, waterworks bonds of the Village of Grayling for \$37,300.00 have been duly offered for public sale on January 7, 1935, after publication of notice according to law, and no bids have been received;

Resolved, that said bonds be accepted and said bonds sold to the United States of America in accordance with said Loan Agreement.

It was moved by R. O. Milnes, and supported by J. E. Schoonover, that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

Whereas, The Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works has by letter dated November 30, 1934, refused to concur in the tentative award of a contract to the East Jordan Iron Works for item B, furnishing material for installation of pump house piping on the grounds that it is not the low bid; and

Resolved, That the said tentative award be rescinded, and the engineers be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the use of copper pipe, and to incorporate this item with the labor item for installing mains and services, subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

It was moved by N. O. Corwin and supported by R. O. Milnes that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. L. Roberts, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, The Village Council of the Village of Grayling did on September 10, 1934, make a tentative award for item F, furnishing of service pipe, materials, etc., for the proposed Grayling waterworks system, to the Traverse City Iron Works, subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, and

Resolved, That the type of material to be used be changed to provide for the use of copper pipe; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the said tentative award be rescinded, and the engineers be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the use of copper pipe, and to incorporate this item with the labor item for installing mains and services, subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

It was moved by N. O. Corwin and supported by R. O. Milnes that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. L. Roberts, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Resolved, that the resolution of December 3rd, 1934, authorizing the issue of \$37,300.00 waterworks bonds, and the coupon form thereon contained be, and are hereby amended to provide that the coupons attached to said bonds bear the facsimile signature of the Village Treasurer instead of the facsimile signatures of the President and Clerk, as originally provided in said resolution.

It was moved by R. O. Milnes and supported by M. F. Nellist that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by J. E. Schoonover, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, The Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works has by letters dated November 30, and December 17, 1934, approved the tentative award of contracts to:

James B. Clow & Sons in the amount of \$13,917.51 for item C, furnishing cast iron pipe;

The Simplex Valve and Meter Co., in the amount of \$428.00, for item J. (Partial), furnishing recording meters;

The Chicago Bridge and Iron Works in the amount of \$7,920.00 for item P, furnishing and erecting 100,000 gallon steel storage tank;

The East Jordan Iron Works in the amount of \$464.75 for item E, furnishing special castings and

The Traverse City Iron Works in the amount of \$1,990.48 for item D, furnishing gate valves,

hydrants, etc., and;

Whereas, The loan and grant agreement between the Federal Government and the Village of Grayling has been executed;

Resolved, that the President and Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to sign a contract between the Village of Grayling and the said parties for the items as above mentioned when the proper bonds have been furnished and approved by the Village Attorney and the P. W. A.

It was moved by A. S. Burrows and supported by A. L. Roberts that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, and Burrows. Nays: none.

The following resolution was introduced by A. S. Burrows, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, the Village Council acknowledges the untimely death of one of their beloved fellow citizens, Melvin A. Bates, and feels it fitting and proper to commemorate his glowing memory;

Resolved, That the Crawford Avalanche be and they are hereby authorized to print said bonds all in accordance with specifications as furnished by and subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

It was moved by M. F. Nellist, and supported by N. O. Corwin that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. L. Roberts, read in full by the Clerk and considered by the Council:

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Resolved, That the said tentative award be rescinded, and the engineers be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the use of copper pipe, and to incorporate this item with the labor item for installing mains and services, subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

It was moved by N. O. Corwin and supported by R. O. Milnes that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. S. Burrows, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, The Council agrees that said specifications are satisfactory;

Resolved, that said specifications be and they are hereby approved and ordered placed on file with the Village Clerk.

It was moved by A. L. Roberts and supported by M. F. Nellist that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

Moved by Corwin and supported by Milnes that the Village provide a man to supervise the operations at Winter Sports Park from January 8th to January 31st inclusive. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none. Motion carried.

To the Honorable Common Council, Village of Grayling: Gentlemen:

I beg to submit for your approval and confirming the following:

1 Tri-County Telephone Co., Inv. 1-2-35.....\$ 19.30

2 Tri-County Telephone Co., Inv. 1-2-35 (Miller).....2.00

3 Burke's Garage, Acct. Dec., 1934.....13.80

4 Alfred Hanson, Inv. 1-1-35.....33.53

5 Hanson Hardware Co., Inv. 1-1-35.....5.09

6 C. M. Church, Inv. 12-12-34.....2.60

7 Michigan Investor Pub. Co., Inv. 1-2-35.....15.00

8 John A. Schram, Inv. 1-3-35.....3.00

9 Murray D. VanWagoner, Inv. 1-3-35.....56.97

10 Kerry and Hanson Flg. Co., Inv. 12-7-34.....2.00

11 Jennison Hardware Co., Inv. 12-3-34.....2.28

12 Grayling Fuel Co., Inv. 12-12-34.....16.00

13 Board of County Road Commissioners, Inv. 12-6-34.....1.82

14 Connine Grocery, Inv. 12-14-34.....26.25

15 Railway Express Agency, Inv. 12-12-34.....1.58

16 5c to \$1.00 Store, Inv. 12-22-34......60

17 Alert Pipe & Supply Co., Inv. 12-11-34.....22.74

18 A. & P. Tea Co., Inv. 11-11-34.....4.12

19 Ford Hardware & Implement Co., Inv. 12-7-34.....\$6.60

20 Grayling Box Co., Inv. 12-7-34.....3.10

21 Grayling Box Co., Inv. 12-17-34.....\$1.10

22 Grayling Box Co., Inv. 12-18-34......75

23 Michigan Public Service Co., fire siren.....3.00

24 Michigan Public Service Co., pump house lights.....1.00

25 Michigan Public Service Co., house lights.....1.00

26 Michigan Public Service Co., band hall.....2.00

27 O. M. Cody, Twp. fire report 12-8-34.....27.50

28 C. A. Miller—Village street payroll, P. R. ending 12-7-34.....33.59

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31 C. A. Miller—Village street payroll, P. R. ending 12-28-34.....22.29

32 Florence Butler, stenog. work 12-21-34.....6.00

33 Ogda Johnson, stenog. services 1-5-35.....1.50

34 Michigan Public Service Co., Blvd. lights.....28.00

35 Michigan Public Service Co., street lights.....134.00

36 Michigan Public Service Co., pump house power.....75.80

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OK with exception of items No. 18 which is to be referred to the County Board of Supervisors, also item No. 25 which is to be referred to Grayling Township Board, also item No. 4 which shall be referred to eliminate 1c federal and 3% sales tax.

R. O. Milnes.
Nelson Corwin.
Merle F. Nellist.

It was moved by Burrows and supported by Schoonover that report be accepted. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The following resolution was introduced by R. O. Milnes, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, Bonds of the Village of Grayling in the amount of \$37,300.00 have been purchased by the United States Government in accordance with loan and grant agreement dated November 22, 1934, and

Resolved, That the Crawford Avalanche be and they are hereby authorized to print said bonds all in accordance with specifications as furnished by and subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

It was moved by M. F. Nellist, and supported by N. O. Corwin that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. L. Roberts, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Resolved, That on and after January 15, 1935, no water or sewer connection shall be made until a deposit sufficient to make such connection from the center of the street to the property line shall be deposited with the Village Treasurer.

It was moved by N. O. Corwin and supported by J. E. Schoonover that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result: Ayes: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Nays: none.

The President then declared the resolution adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by A. S. Burrows, read in full by the Clerk, and considered by the Council:

Whereas, Hayden and Kunze, engineers, have prepared revised specifications for service water meters and have submitted the same to the Council on this date and,

Resolved, That said specifications be and they are hereby approved and ordered placed on file with the Village Clerk.

It was moved by A. L. Roberts and supported by M. F. Nellist that the resolution be adopted as read. The roll was called with the following result:

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ing appointment of Village attorney, Merle F. Nellist.

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. Clippert, President.

Moved by Schoonover and supported by Milnes that the appointment be confirmed. Yea and nay vote called. Yea: Roberts, Nellist, Corwin, Milnes, Schoonover, Burrows. Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts and supported by Corwin that meeting be adjourned until January 21, 1935, at 8:00 P. M. Motion carried.

Lorane Sparkes, Clerk.
C. G. Clippert, President.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Richard D. Connine, late of the village of Grayling in said county, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1935, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 3rd day of June A. D. 1935, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 3rd day of June A. D. 1935, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this 2nd day of February A. D. 1935.

George Sorenson,
Judge of Probate.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1935

News Briefs

Mrs. Albert Roberts was hostess to the Danish Ladies Aid society last Thursday afternoon.

Peggy Louise is the name of the little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt last Friday.

The Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular business meeting at the hall next Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

Jack West and his Circle Star Cowboys on the stage at the Rialto next Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14 and 15.

John Brady and daughter Ann spent last Sunday visiting the Bernard Brennan family in East Jordan.

Grayling Band will give a dancing party on Washington's birthday, February 22 at the Temple theatre.

You may purchase pictures of the recent Winter Sports carnival at Mac & Gidley's after today. Price 10c each.

James McDonnell and Axel Peterson were delegates to the state Democratic convention held in Detroit last week.

DeVere Schmidt returned Tuesday morning from Williamsburg, Canada, where he received treatment from Dr. Locke.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter Joanne to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stephan (Annabel Harris) of Detroit on Jan. 29.

Rialto Theatre

PROGRAM

Saturday, Feb. 9, (only)
DOUBLE FEATURE
PROGRAM

No. 1—
Sylvia Sydney and Gene Raymond

In
"BEHOLD MY WIFE"

No. 2—
Ronald Colman

In
"BULLDOG DRUMMOND STRIKES BACK"

Novelty ——— Cartoon
Sunday and Monday, Feb. 10-11

Sunday Show Continuous from 3:00 P. M. to Closing
Katherine Hepburn

In
"THE LITTLE MINISTER"

Comedy ——— News
Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14-15

—ON OUR STAGE—
Jack West and his Circle Star Cowboys in person

—ON OUR SCREEN—
Joe Penner

In
"COLLEGE RHYTHM"

Comedy ——— News
Hot Oven China Ware Given away absolutely FREE to each lady in attendance.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lovely Wednesday morning, a daughter.

Visitors at the Winter Sports park last Sunday included sports enthusiasts from Vassar, Detroit, Midland, Bay City and Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Peters, who took up their residence here in Grayling early last fall, returned to Sanilac county, down in the thumb.

The Jelly Cousins club in connection with their regular meeting Wednesday entertained at a shower honoring Mrs. Lacey Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Wolcott, and Mrs. Burwell Griffith, spent Sunday at Rose City, visiting friends and relatives there.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star chapter will be held at their hall next Wednesday evening, Feb. 13. All officers are urged to attend as there will be practice that evening.

If you like oysters don't miss the supper at the Michelson Memorial church dining room tomorrow (Friday) night. There'll be oysters galore and chili con carne if you like that better, 5 to 7:30 o'clock.

The Michigan Retail Hardware Association, Lansing, will hold its 41st Annual Convention in Grand Rapids, opening Tuesday, February 12th. Daisy Barnett and A. Peterson of Grayling have indicated their intention to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow, and Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan returned Sunday—a round trip of a little over 400 miles—all for a dog. "But," reports Hurl, "it's a good fox-hound, and worth it." Here's hoping.

"Spike" McNeven has been busy re-arranging and doing some remodeling in his place for the last few days—making ready for some changes he has planned. He intends to turn his beer garden into a restaurant, and handle hard liquors.

Rev. and Mrs. Hans Juhl entertained informally at their home Sunday afternoon and evening in honor of the former's birthday. Members of the congregation called to extend birthday greetings and it was an enjoyable occasion.

The address of Clarence V. Smazel, consultant in governmental organization to whom you should write should you care to know anything about the subject of incorporating our village into a city, is 422 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich. There was an error in the address as it appeared in last week's issue.

Mrs. Norval Stephan entertained about twenty ladies and gentlemen at her home (Edgewater) on the AuSable, Saturday night, in honor of Mr. Stephan's birthday. Pinchle was the order of the evening, with prizes for the luckiest. There were also two prizes (large Bermuda onions) for those who had no luck at all, as consolations.

Did you ever think that the men who least need to work are the men who work the hardest? Why? Because it is a pleasure to work. One is happiest when employed. To be compelled to loaf is to a real man a heavy punishment. If you would be a man, work. You cannot find anywhere a lazy boy or man whom anybody respects or who amounts to anything—work.

Earl Gierke, Grayling, graduate of Central State Teachers college, Mt. Pleasant, is on the fall term honor roll, as released by authorities this week. Mr. Gierke earned 11 honor points carrying 5 subjects. No student with less than a B average was included. The five leaders in total honor points were all of the masculine sex. Earl is a graduate of Grayling High school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke.

The C. J. McNamara family are now nicely ensconced in their new home—the former J. K. Hanson house on Peninsular avenue. The house has been very materially remodelled. The upper story was removed leaving two dormer rooms. The interior rooms too are greatly changed. A new heating system and fireplace, and modern plumbing will keep the place comfortable. A sun-parlor in front, a remodelled porch and windows also add comfort and good looks. We're sure they will enjoy their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaible were pleasantly surprised Thursday evening when about 35 of their friends dropped in to help them celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary. The occasion was also Mr. Schaible's birthday. Cards and visiting proved pleasant pastime and at a late hour a bountiful lunch was enjoyed. The honor guests were presented with a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers, and a lovely wedding cake, the latter brought by Mrs. Ernest Larson. Mr. and Mrs. Schaible were wished many more happy anniversaries.

Mrs. Fred Tatro is driving a new Ford V-8.

George Olson is confined to his home by illness.

The Hospital Aid will meet with Mrs. C. G. Clippert Thursday, Feb. 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia returned Saturday from Detroit where they spent a few days visiting.

If any middle aged woman wishes to become the wife of Mr. Geo. A. Wilcox, write to him at Grayling, Mich. Adv.

Mrs. Robert Ziebell was in Vanderbit Saturday, visiting her daughter Mrs. John Yuill and the new twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Peterson are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Arlene Louise on January 27.

Ten days of winter sports are offered in the program for the 1935 carnival which opens at Potoskey on February 8.

Don't forget that the Epworth League will have an Oyster supper in the church dining room Friday night, Feb. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Shirlee Diane born at Mercy Hospital Monday morning.

Mrs. Frank Decker, of Flint, mother of Mrs. Frank Schmidt is visiting at the home of her daughter for a couple of weeks.

Three Cook books—"Planning the Party," "Easy Way Cook Book" and "Marketing and Planning" all for 25c. Avalanche office.

Get 'out your costumes and watch for the date of the masquerade ball to be given soon by the American Legion. There will be prizes.

Word from Pontiac announces the birth of a 9½ pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson. Ernest Elden is his name, and he arrived on Feb. 2nd.

In the Recreational League games played last night the Wildcats defeated the Masons by a score of 2 and 1 and the Businessmen had to bow to the Chiefs by the same score.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy entertained St. Mary's Altar society Tuesday afternoon at Shoppens Inn. Arrangements were made for a card party to be given on Feb. 26.

Charles Zettle and Miss Pauline Rohn were married Thursday, January 31st at Klacking Creek, by the Reverend Father Lemzen. Clyde Corey and Vera Anderson were the accompanying couple.

Miss Elma Mae Sorenson entertained the Graduate Girls Sewing club at her home Tuesday evening. The table was decorated with a red and white color combination for St. Valentine's Day. A dainty lunch was served.

Rialto Theatre will present Jack West and his Circle Star Cowboys on the stage next Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14 and 15. A nice musical treat. You have heard them together with Ann Darling over WJR.

Everett Corwin was called to Flint Tuesday back to his work. He with his wife have been here since last fall making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin.

Mrs. Alice Sullivan and son Russel McGregor, who were here from Saginaw the past week, left Sunday for Mio. Mrs. Sullivan expects to return to Grayling to work in a few days.

Betty Newville, popular Boyne City girl, will be crowned Queen of Winter Sports in that city at a grand ball to be held in the Boyne City high school gym, tonight.

Axel Peterson drove to Detroit the latter part of last week on business. He was accompanied, as far as Lansing, by Milford Parker, who has been in Cheboygan for some time. Milford has a job in Lansing now.

more severe weather to chronicle this week. Yesterday morning the mercury went to 30 below at 7:30 and this morning it was 22 below at 8:00 o'clock. At 9:30 it had risen just 4 degrees. However what will make the firemen shiver is the thoughts of a year ago tomorrow when they fought the fire that destroyed Bob's Place and it was 38 below. We had one other colder day in February, 45½ below.

Guests of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at its meeting Wednesday were Willard Crandall, publisher of the Ogemaw County Herald, H. W. Schultz, Ford dealer, M. E. Orr, attorney and H. Dodds, all of West Branch. That city has just started a Kiwanis club, president of which is Mr. Orr. The next meeting of the local club will be Lincoln day and Supt. Gerald Poor will be the speaker.

South Side Locals

Martha Uhlendorf is absent from school because of illness.

Miss Effie Hunter, who came home from Lansing ill and has been confined to her home for several months, is now able to get out occasionally, when taken in the car.

Mrs. Emory Craft has been suffering with an abscess on her face, followed by an attack of erysipelas.

Wilbur Broadbent has been quite feeble this winter. His many friends call frequently and hope for his recovery.

Mrs. Ben Darroch left Friday to spend the week with Mr. Darroch who is employed in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worden and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Worden spent the week end in Detroit.

Bea Markby is quite ill with the flu and other members of the family are also ill.

Dan Bradow was able to resume his duties at the flooring mill Friday.

Junior, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaMotte who is a patient at Mercy Hospital with pneumonia is somewhat improved.

George Plant has been confined to his home with the flu all week.

Mrs. DeVere Wolcott is ill at her home.

Miss Lauriane Christenson is expected home Friday from Flint to spend the week end.

It is necessary for Otto Cox to make daily trips to the doctor's office because of getting some tiny particles of steel in his eyes, while at his work at the flooring mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown were surprised and pleased to have their children with them Saturday evening when they celebrated their wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John Cantfield, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cantfield of Beaver Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown of Grayling were present.

Gra and Clarence Ingalls have both succeeded in obtaining jobs in Flint this last week.

Grayling is to have a Homecoming this summer. More particulars in future issues.

The Crawford County Road Commission has been reorganized with Frank A. Barnett as chairman.

A perch, weighing between two and two and one half pounds was caught Sunday on Higgins Lake by Harold Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh accompanied their sons Tom and Fred to St. John's Military academy at Deltafield, Wisconsin, where the boys have just enrolled. They left here Tuesday, expecting to drive to Ludington and take the boat across to Milwaukee.

From there it is only a short drive to the academy. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh will return via Chicago, making some business stops on the way.

Welfare workers have been busy the last few days putting the old tennis court in the school yard in shape for a skating rink. Bykes are being built and the ground will be flooded to make a smooth piece of ice. This will give school children a convenient, safe playground for the winter months to come, since the old ground-hog has decreed, with the weatherman backing him up, that Grayling shall be doomed to some six weeks more of zero and sub-zero weather.

Saturday night was a bad night for drinking parties. However the only disturbance of any harmful magnitude was caused by two fellows, Joe Dabkowski, and La-Mar Emmert, who became rather ugly and tried to start a row in Spike's Beer Garden. Sheriff Bennett quickly put a stop to that—taking them both to jail on a drunk charge. They were given their choice of fifteen days apiece in jail, or ten dollar fines and payment of court costs. Both are expected to pay the fines.

MOSHIER-LITTLE

Of interest to the many friends in Grayling will be the marriage of Mr. Harry T. Moshier to Miss Hazel E. Little, of Lewiston Heights, New York.

The ceremony was performed at the parsonage on Sunday, January 27th by Rev. Newfang of Lewiston, N. Y., in the presence of relatives and friends.

The bride was attired in a deep blue silk crepe gown and carried an arm bouquet of yellow rose buds while her sister Bernice, and only attendant, was gowned in flowered crepe and carried white roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Howard Powell. Following the ceremony a reception and dinner with covers laid for sixteen guests, was held at the home of the bride.

The groom is the son of Mrs. William Moshier and has many friends in Grayling. He has made his home in Niagara Falls and Lewiston, N. Y., for the past five years.

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Woman's Club Notes

The annual meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Sorenson, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The members answered to roll call by giving some current event.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President—Mrs. Vivian Peterson.

1st Vice President—Mrs. Jessie Schmidt.

2nd Vice President—Mrs. Clara Sales.

Recording Sec'y—Miss Shirley McNeven.

Corresponding Sec'y—Mrs. C. A. Miller.

Treas.—Miss Margaret Hemmingsen.

The auctioning of "White Elephants" furnished some enjoyment, the money to go into the school milk fund.

Group singing was enjoyed by the members.

Later in the evening a delicious Danish lunch was served by the committee Mrs. Sales, Mrs. Sorenson, Miss Ingeborg Hanson and Miss Margaret Hemmingsen.

The meeting next Monday evening will be held with Mrs. Cassidy at the Annex.

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CHURCH NOTES

MICHELSON MEMORIAL
Elliott William Zoller, Minister

Sunday, February 10, 1935

Church School 10 A. M. Beginning today we start an interclass contest continuing until Palm Sunday, April 14. We desire that all who have previously attended our school will return during this contest.

Morning worship 11 A. M. Sermon theme, "Satisfying spiritual hungers." The choir will sing "The Heavens Declare."

Miss Ruth McNeven will play on the organ, "Prelude in B Flat" (Blumenthal). "Offertory in C Flat" (Donizetti). "March Religioso" (Cocone).

6 P. M.—Epworth League, Virginia Hartley, leader.

7 P. M.—Evening Worship. Sermon "The Confession of a Christian Minister."

Plan to attend church Sunday. You will be spiritually blessed for the effort.

Monday—The teachers and officers of the Church School will meet in the church kitchen at 6 P. M. for a potluck dinner.

Wednesday—The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Chris Hoelsi at 2:30 P. M. for their regular meeting. Mrs. James McDonald will assist the hostess.

Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 P. M.—Bible Study Course. Discussion topic, "Jesus Christ the centre of the New Testament." Place, parsonage.

Recreational Notes

The local S.E.R.A. basket ball team was nosed out by a 28-30 score at Frederic last Friday nite. Both teams were evenly matched and the game was anybody's up to the last play. Grayling forged ahead at times with an eight point lead only to have Frederic rally and tie up the game. With the score 28 all and 10 seconds left to play in the game, Frederic came thru with a short shot which gave them victory.

On next Friday nite these two teams will play again at Frederic and the local boys hope to even the score up.

Due to the League playing their games on Wednesday this week instead of Tuesday, no standings will be available for publication this week. Next Wednesday the Masons will play the Businessmen at 7:15 and this is the battle of the season as the Masons are out to take the Businessmen into camp and break their winning streak. The Chiefs will tackle the Wildcats at 8:30.

These games will conclude the first half of this season and the following week the second half will open with the same teams entered and this half will see the determined Masons, Chiefs and Wildcats try to dislodge the strong Businessmen from their stronghold of first place.

These games are open to the public and there is no charge.

R. Robertson.
Cloth to Indians
Each Iroquois Indian receives about four yards of cloth each year, in recognition of the treaty which the United States made in 1784, "never to disturb the Six Nations in their possessions."

Week At Lansing

(By Frank D. Brown, Special Correspondent)

The week has seen the appointment of an auditor general to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of John K. Stack, Jr., and with it the first sign of revolt against Gov. Fitzgerald's selections for major public offices. In the republican controlled senate, Senator Don VanderWerp (R) of Fremont conducted a one-man insurrection protesting the confirmation of Mrs. Frederick M. Alger's appointment to the liquor control commission. All other appointments submitted to the upper house for confirmation this week were approved without question, including John J. O'Hara, prominent Menominee attorney, for auditor general; John S. McDonald of Grand Rapids, former member of the state supreme court, to the liquor commission; and Harold T. Ellerby, Birmingham, to the public trust commission.

Senator VanderWerp, who is one of the better known newspaper publishers of the state, an attorney and a first term member of the senate, although he has previously served as a member of the house, based his objections to Mrs. Alger's appointment on the personal belief that her presence on the liquor commission would make of that body a two-man affair, meaning that she would become a silent partner and that the policies and future action of the commission would be determined entirely by her two male associates.

The fact that Mrs. Alger happens to be one of Detroit's social elite caused Senator VanderWerp to feel that her presence on the commission would place the drinking problem in this state in the so-called "silk stocking" class, elevating and dignifying the habit to the point of being fashionable for the women of younger generations to indulge in the use of hard liquors.

The senator was not alone in this belief inasmuch as the sentiment in a hastily called caucus prior to submitting the confirmation proved to agree with his position in the matter. However, when the question reached the floor, Senator VanderWerp was the only one apparently possessing the fortitude to oppose such a formidable name as Alger and the roll call showed a lone dissenting vote.

A coalition of 11 members, composed of some democrats who have joined their republican colleagues, has been formed in the upper house with the objective of forcing the administration's hand on certain patronage matters. This group, constituting a block of imposing proportions, must be reckoned with by Gov. Fitzgerald and the departmental heads in many matters before the end of the session if the administration hopes to fulfill the ambitious program which it has promulgated.

These senate allies are not dedicated to any plan of embarrassing the executive and his agenda, but is formed for the sole purpose of checking such attempts as likely will be made to force down the throats of the senators certain legislative demands aversion to having both the senate and the house jump at the crack of the whip by certain "front office" spokesmen.

If present indications are correct, there will be little of this well known blind following of administration mouthpieces in either the house or the senate, although there is no conspiracy afoot to thwart the well intentioned program of the new governor.

A deliberate and somewhat naive effort to embarrass the governor occurred in the house this week but was quickly and very effectively squelched by George Schroeder, democratic speaker, who so far has evinced a sincere desire to cooperate with the new administration and expedite the work of the present session.

Rep. Harry Glass (D) of Grand Rapids, who two years ago succeeded the veteran Abe Dykstra, had prepared a house resolution calling for an audit and investigation of the books of the secretary of state for the past two years, the time during which the present governor held that office. Admittedly a move to place Gov. Fitzgerald in an unfavorable light, the resolution had gained considerable support from the democratic members of the house when Speaker Schroeder stepped into the picture and with the declaration: "We shall have no such things as that coming before this house," the resolution was promptly relegated to the land of forgotten hopes.

The senate, in fact the entire state, is awaiting anxiously the report of the special committee charged with determining whether or not fraud was perpetrated in the Detroit recount of votes for secretary of state. Two arrests on the technical charge of perjury have been made to date and following the formal report of the investigating committee, it is expected further fireworks will be touched off by Attorney General

Harry S. Toy.

The committee is ready to make its report to the senate but has held up doing so this week due to the absence of Senator Wickstrom who has been in the upper peninsula to which place he accompanied the body of Auditor General Stack along with the other members of a special legislative delegation. On his return it is expected the report will be submitted, probably Monday night or Tuesday afternoon at the latest.

On reasonable authority, your correspondent is informed that the report on the first count, viz: "Whether or not fraud occurred in the conduct of the recount" will be unanimous in agreement that such did exist; all nine members of the committee are expected to concur on this score, including the three democratic members of that body.

There seems to be, however, some doubt as to whether or not the committee can agree on the guilt of Senator Anthony J. Wilkowski. It is likely a majority and a minority report will be offered covering this particular point. A sentiment prevails against any senate action seeking to unseat the senator for his part in the fiasco; first, because a trial of the senator before the senate would consume unlimited time and delay the legislative deliberations of that chamber for many weeks; and second, because any attempt to deprive him of his seat would place the halo of martyrdom around his head and practically assure his reelection by the constituency he represents.

This much is certain—the whole affair will eventually be aired in a court of competent jurisdiction. Attorney General Toy, who is clinging to the idea of a grand jury investigation, may reverse himself and decide on one other course, nevertheless, official Lansing appears pretty well satisfied that the last of the recount has not been heard, and that before this has been written the public will have an adequate opportunity to know the truth for itself, what really took place.

Regardless of what a grand jury may do or the outcome of any subsequent indictments, the one fact remains that the results of the last November election will not now be upset. It is simply a case of bringing to public attention the true facts of the matter.

Less than 100 bills have been introduced in the house of representatives during the four weeks that the legislature has been in session and no more than a half dozen of that number have been sent on their way to the upper house. In the senate, the number of measures introduced amount to about half that number. The effect of the recount investigation is plainly discernable in the senate's work to date.

In the house there exists a strong sentiment favoring the abrogation of the three percent sales tax on certain foodstuffs. It is proposed to exempt some 15 or 20 common items of sustenance, such as flour, bread, meat, etc. from penalty of the tax. There is another school of thought which would return a portion of the sales tax revenues to the counties in which they are collected thereby reducing still further the total of local taxes levied.

The first bill passed by the senate during this session was one which would make permanent the "sticker" plan for purchase of automobile licenses. The measure makes acceptance of half-price installment payments mandatory on the secretary of state, rather than optional. House approval of this bill is a foregone conclusion.

In view of this legislative motorists, according to an announcement made early this week by Orville E. Atwood, secretary of state, will have until February 25 to secure their 1935 license plates.

Governor Fitzgerald sustained the first major reversal of his tenure last week Wednesday when the senate turned thumbs down on his proposal that the Western State Teachers' college at Kalamazoo be closed in the interest of economy. Headed by Senator Frank E. Mosier (R) of Fennville, the special committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of closing the school, submitted its report recommending the continued operation of the institution as well as that of the three other normal schools.

The report was unanimously adopted by the senate, thus definitely side-tracking this particular phase of the administration's program. Western State Teachers' college was declared by the committee to be one of the six leading teachers' colleges in the United States and that Michigan's four teachers' training schools rank among the first 20 in the nation.

The need of an extensive study of the whole educational problem in this state was cited by the committee. It was suggested that this be done to the end that the efficiency of the entire system may be increased and bettered and that very economy possible be accomplished in order to make as great a saving as possible to the taxpayers of the state.

The legislature took an early adjournment this week, both houses recessing Wednesday until

next Monday night. The briefness of the work-week was occasioned by the Democratic state convention in Detroit last Thursday to which place the senators and representatives of that party hied themselves. The lull in the proceedings also furnishes the opportunity for some of the institutional junkies to the north country.

Days of distressed taxpayers and limited state revenues, the junket as it was once conducted by committees of both houses has come to be regarded as of doubtful value and great expense to the state. The prolonged and costly trips to visit fish hatcheries, to inspect some prison or other state institution are now frowned upon by both the public and the conscientious legislator. The usual practice in the past was to make the junket occasions for bacchanalian indulgence, the expense of which came out of the pocket of the taxpayer. Although a few tours of inspection are necessary to their work, the number of forays has been greatly reduced and much of the exuberance of old is now missing.

The anticipated report of the senate committee investigating Senator Wilkowski's recount in Detroit failed to make its appearance this week. Senator A. L. Moore (R) of Pontiac, chairman of the committee, informs your correspondent that the report will be finished and ready for presentation this coming week, likely Thursday.

Senator Don VanderWerp (R) of Fremont, chairman of the senate elections committee, states that his group will also submit a report this week on the two contested senate seats. While the report has not yet been written, it is known that the committee is unanimous in the recommendation that Senator Dale D. Doyle (D) of Saginaw and Senator Harold Moore (R) retain their seats. No fraud is charged in the conduct of the vote by which these men were elected.

The election contests in the house are believed definitely shelved and probably will remain so. It is understood that one of the four contestants has withdrawn his bill of exceptions and gone home.

Senator Moore, who is chairman of the senate's taxation committee and one of the foremost students of tax problems in Michigan, created a stir in several circles this week by his introduction of the first of a series of bills designed to revise the present gasoline and weight tax laws.

The senator's first measure proposes to increase the gas tax from three to four cents and earmark the resulting increased revenue for distribution among the public schools under the terms of the present Thatcher-Sias act. The second bill, which is yet to be introduced, would reduce the weight tax on automobiles from 35 cents per hundred to 25 cents.

Some of the serious problems confronting the legislature have been listed in a series of questions prepared by Senator Moore. Bills have been or will be introduced covering each of the several questions propounded. It is the desire of the taxation committee to secure an expression from the citizens of the state as to what course should be followed in each instance.

Among the questions prepared are the following: "Which is more important, the payment of current and future taxes, or the collection of delinquent taxes?"

"Should the State delinquent tax sale be held May 1, 1936? If not, what should be done?"

"Should the State continue to acquire title to tax delinquent lands that are sold at tax sales?"

"Should the taxpayer who pays his taxes promptly receive a discount for prompt payment?"

"How can real property best be relieved from the sales resistance now caused by the presence of delinquent taxes?"

"Can the real property owner receive any real relief until his land has a market value as well as an asset value?"

"Should real property be taxed having regard to its ability to pay?"

"Should new taxes be developed in order to remove a portion or all of school support from real estate?"

"If the tax is one within the ability of real property to pay, should the penalties for non-payment be made more severe?"

"Should the balance of the State property tax be repealed?"

"Should the sale of liquor by the State liquor stores be subject to the sales tax? It is not now."

"Should the sales tax on food stuff be repealed?"

"How should old age pensions be financed?"

"Should unemployment insurance have any tax support?"

"Should all descriptions of property for tax purposes be prepared in the county treasurer's office?"

"Would the collection of all taxes by the county treasurer make for efficiency and economy?"

"Is it wise to set up as a tax adjustment board the various local assessing boards or any other local agency?"

"Should there be a homestead

exemption from all taxation for aged people? If so, in what amount and what age?"

"What relation do the mortgage and contract moratorium laws have to the delinquent tax problem?"

"Is it more profitable to rent than it is to own your own home or farm?"

"Can there be any substantial recovery in this state until home ownership has become an asset?"

In the house, Rep. Earl McNitt's bill to pay county road commissioners from the highway funds of the county rather than from the general fund is ready for final passage. On general orders this week an amendment was attached to it providing for the election of commissioners by a vote of the people rather than by appointment by the boards of supervisors as is the case in most counties.

Rep. Fred Holbeck (R) of Arenac has introduced a measure which, if enacted into law, would entitle homesteads of all persons over 65 years of age to a \$2,000 tax exemption. In order to secure the exemption, however, the taxpayer would have to reside on the homestead for at least five years.

If use approval has been given to a bill which would loosen banking credit to permit the modernization of Michigan homes under the National Housing Administration. The measure provides that banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations may accept mortgages running for as much as 20 years thus permitting the purchase of the Federal Housing bonds. At present these institutions are limited to paper maturing within five years.

Visions of a 90-day session are fast fading. With one month of the session legislature already a matter of history, few important pieces of legislation have been enacted to date. Observers foresee a repetition of past sessions—that have dragged along four or five months without a great deal of accomplishment until the last two or three weeks when both houses go at their work with a vengeance. The speed with which bills are passed during the closing days of the session is terrific.

It is not at all uncommon to witness as many as 100 bills being approved in a day. So rapid is the pace that only the committees that release them know what they actually contain.

G. H. S. Wins One And Loses One

Two years ago, when Boyne City lost to Grayling for their only defeat of the season's play, the boys took an oath that they were never going to lose another game on the local floor. Tuesday night they made good on that oath for this year by grabbing a 21 to 19 decision in a ball game which hung in the balance during

flurries of shots that might have very easily seen Grayling win the decision. It was high entertainment at least. In the preliminary Frederick High captured a baseball scored game, 8 to 4.

Coach Willard Cornell's revamped lineup gave Boyne a real battle. The lead changed hands in the first half several times, and though Boyne led at the rest

and 15 to 9 a lot of action had been jammed into sixteen minutes of play.

In the third quarter Grayling, on a rally that netted five points before Boyne tallied anything. As the period closed they parted again and were leading by five points. Grayling outscored them 6 to 3 in the last quarter and narrowly missed winning the game any number of times. The ball was determined to make baskets scarce for the Green and White, and though the team rallied fiercely they weren't able to win. Several flurries under Boyne's basket were pretty wild. Sickens, injuries, and scholastic troubles have robbed the team of the fine edge of precision. Local fans still aren't convinced that Boyne has the better team. Coach Brotherston's outfit is never any set-up however, and they carried an edge in height that was considerable.

Frederick High toppled the Reserves in a low-scoring game which stood 2-2 at the half. The invaders ran the count to 6-2 and it seemed destined to end that way. Both teams caged field goals inside the last minute of play, and that was that.

Gaylord's Varsity and Reserves will be here on Tuesday of this coming week. That should be very much worth the seeing. A crowd is expected.

Grayling-St. Mary's.

Grayling High School's crippled band of basket tossers continued to toss in more than the opposition as they subdued St. Mary's of Gaylord on the Parochial's court last Friday night. The score stood 25 to 18 at the end and Grayling led all the way.

The last time a Grayling High team will face a Gaylord club on that narrow Opera House court was a successful venture for the Green and White. Two appearances on that floor this season have resulted in two wins for

Richmond Opens the New Robert E. Lee Bridge



A (PLANE) view of the city of Richmond, Va., and the Robert E. Lee bridge which has just been dedicated. This was one of the first major U.S.C. projects to be completed and cost about \$1,500,000.

Editor's Mail Box

Hudson, Mich.
Feb. 2, 1935

Oscar Schumann,
Grayling, Mich.
My Dear Friend:

As I have been confined to the house past week with a cold and have been thinking of my many friends at Grayling and of your great carnival and wishing I was here as well as Kalkaska away from home in ten days. The Boyne game was played Tuesday night, with Kalkaska tomorrow and Gaylord being here next Tuesday. Just what the team can do under the very difficult circumstances of injuries, ineligibility and sickness remains a problem.

Frederic-Grayling Reserves.

Frederic High gave the Grayling Reserves a going over last Friday to the tune of 17 to 11 in a game that went into two over-

time periods and gave Frederic rooters hysterics.

It was a good ball game with Frederic getting a deserved decision. They battled the Grayling offense up completely in the second half and had the most wonderful luck themselves after getting the ball clear in through a somewhat listless Grayling defense. Grayling held a three point lead for three quarters—4 to 1, 9 to 6 and 11 to 8. But the fourth period marked the end of their scoring and while they held Frederic down it was only with the aid of some miraculous luck. The first overtime was a pretty even struggle, ending as it began at 11-11.

The second overtime cracked the dead-lock with Frederic going through for three baskets in rapid succession, while the crowd went mad. That's the way it ended.

A prelim between two S.E.R.A. teams found Frederic taking a 30 to 28 win from the Grayling opposition in a game as wild and exciting as you'll ever see.

The Reserve team consisted of Corwin, Charron, Jorgenson, F. Welsh, Murphy, Ward, D. Gierke and Bowen.

Grange Notes

Ernest Corwin has been helping William Love for a few days.

George Annis and sons Earl and Forrest have filled their ice houses, cutting ice at Lake Margrethe.

Guy Leverton is tearing down the old carpenter shop in the repair yard. The lumber is to be used in building a house on their farm near the Beaver Creek neighborhood. Charlie Granger is helping him.

Marleah Kochanowski, Lois Parker and Guy Leverton were given the 3rd and 4th degrees Saturday thus becoming full members of the Grange.

Lecture hour was made interesting with a program of household helps.

Charles Owen and Stanley Hummel have been filling their ice houses with ice from Bear Lake.

Dick Babbitt and boys keep busy on a huge buzz pile of 35 cords of wood. Maurice, a senior at Frederick high school, walks 6 miles to and from school each day.

The Grange welcomes Arlene, the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson.

4-H Club in Dist. No. 3, Maple Forest under direction of Miss Huber has 3 boys and 5 girls as members. The girls sew and the boys make such interesting things as bench vices and hooks and numerous other things.

Roads have been very good in the country districts until this last storm, which has brought more snow and some troublesome drifts.

through the efforts of O. P. Schumann, publisher.

The Sunday special edition carried four pages of well-written news stories and advertising of the Grayling business men. A large number were published and circulated to the throngs that visited Grayling Sunday in addition to thousands of copies that were sent to people who are prospective visitors through the remaining portion of the winter season and future seasons.

This is a big piece of advertising for Grayling, and its value to the business men of Grayling cannot be estimated.—West Branch Herald.

Cubs Enter Houghton Lake Tourney

Grayling Cubs are among the seven teams entered in the first annual independent basketball tournament to be staged at Houghton Lake, this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

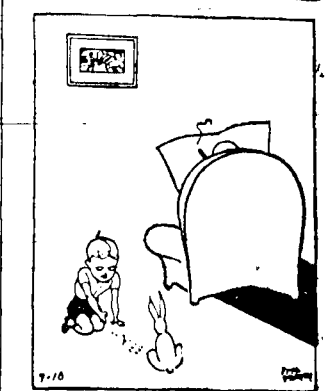
The Grayling Cubs, Roscommon Ramblers, McBain, Rose City, Johnson Hardware, Falmouth, Roscommon Comets, Harrison, West Branch Tigers, West Branch Merchants, and Houghton make up the line-up to bring back the trophy symbol of first place in this event.

The boys are confident that they have equally as good a team as any of the other entrants and are out to win if possible. The Cubs have had a fairly successful year, winning five out of the eight games played and have yet to be defeated on the local court. Next week on February 14 the boys go to Harbor Springs to play a return game with the Merchants; the Cubs defeated this team earlier this year by the score of 23-18.

The following week on February 20 they will play at home with the West Branch Tigers as their opponents. Basketball fans are looking forward to the 26th of this month when the Roscommon Ramblers play here on that date. It will be remembered that they defeated the Cubs at Roscommon in a very close game, by one point, the score being 33-32 as the fracas ended. Can the boys win over West Branch and Roscommon and keep their record intact? Attend these games and see for yourself what the outcome will be.

It is highly probable that the McManahan Wildcats of Mt. Pleasant will play here sometime in the near future if arrangements can be made. Watch for advertisements regarding opponents and time of games to be played by the locals.

PAPA KNOWS



"Pop, what is a monopoly?"
"All arms, no legs."
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Notice

I will not be responsible for bills contracted for by my wife, Marie Floeter.
Dated Jan. 12, 1935.
Signed, William J. Floeter.

Sincerely,
Chet Howell.

Crawford Avalanche Issues

Special Winter Sports Edition

The formal opening day of the 1935-Grayling Winter Sports Festival was heralded to the country by a special Winter Sports Edition of the Crawford Avalanche